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Members of the Education Appropriations Subcommittee

State Capitol Hartford, CT 06106

**RE: Proposed Budget on Education**

Hi I am Kiara Rodriguez and I am a student at the Bridge Academy.

I feel like students should get more funding because, I feel like it would be a good opportunity for better technology and more trips and good activities. Also a reason why I think it would be good if we get more money for the schools is because I never really grew up with all the fancy books and technology when I used to live in New York.

We used to have old books with pages ripped out or dusty computers and it would be a little hard for me to learn the right way because of how bad the school stuff was. When I had moved to Connecticut I thought the school's resources would be better. I had hoped they would provide better stuff for me to learn and in reality most of our technology is not really good and our books are old and I feel like this money can help me and others charters that are not doing so well because maybe we can use that money to help students who

can't afford to go to a private school and let them go to a good, updated charter school. We can put that money to help provide new textbooks or new technology to fix the school bathrooms or class rooms and I feel like it would not really be fair if people were sitting with 6.4 billion dollars and they would not want to help children/teens have a better education.

I feel like it would be so generous if they can help provide a higher quality education for kids/teens.

Please support All kids' education in Connecticut!

Thank you for your time,

Respectfully,

Kiara Rodriguez